

**Board of Education 7 Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. - Merilyn F. Daniels Boardroom**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Miljkovic called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and she directed the recording secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, and Papadopoulos.

Absent members: Woods.

Also present were: Dr. Shannon Dudek, Superintendent; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director; Mr. Christopher Blomquist, Business Manager; Ms. Cristina Montano, Recording Secretary; Dr. Joseph Krause, Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal; Mrs. Melissa Favata, Principal; Ms. Gina DiFiglio, JH Assistant Principal; Mr. Gus Gonzalez, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds; Mr. Bill Thoms, Teacher/WDEA President; and Mr. Ivan Felty, Auditor from Evans, Marshall, & Pease, P.C.

**III. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Freedom of Information (FOIA) Request - The board received five (5) FOIA requests this month: (1) from CT Mills/Public Info Access LLC requesting names, job titles, work locations, and work emails; (2) Karen Garcia/SmartProcure requesting first, last, position, department, business phone, email, and office address; (3) Sheri Reid/SmartProcure asking for general purchasing records, (invoice listing) from 8/29/25-1/5/26; (4) Bob Ackerson/Konica Minolta requesting current copier contract with b/w & color ppc, term, lease cost; (5) Bill Meyer requesting contracts, invoices, agreements for burglar alarm, fire alarm, and video surveillance. The FOIA requests were responded to in the required timeframe.
- Angel Tree Report - Dr. Dudek credited Mrs. Kelly Marks, Social Worker at Westview School and the WD7 social workers for coordinating the annual Angel Tree Program. This year the program provided 85 school families in need with holiday gifts for their children. In addition to the Angel Tree Program, the social workers collaborated with the Wood Dale Police & Fire Departments, and Holy Ghost Church, to provide additional holiday gifts to WD7 families in need.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments from the audience.

**V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING MINUTES, FINANCIAL REPORTS AND PERSONNEL REPORT**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Public Hearing for Truth in Taxation December 16, 2025
- b. Regular Board Meeting December 16, 2025

**2. Approval of Financial Reports**

- a. Treasurer's Report for December 2025
- b. Budget Status Report for December 2025
- c. Payroll in the Amount of \$879,302.19 for December 2025

**3. Approval of Personnel Report for the Month of January 2026**

- a. Resignation - accepted the resignation from **Shiva Jameel**, Paraprofessional @ EC effective 12/27/25.
- b. Retirement - accepted the letter of intent to retire from **Christine Ganas**, Paraprofessional @ WV effective the last day of teacher attendance.

**4. Change of Status (For Informational Purposes Only) - Jesus Pelaez-Reyes from Part-time Custodian @ OB to Full-time Custodian @ Districtwide.effective 12/29/25.**

It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Ms. Snyder that the board approve the consent agenda for the month of January, 2026.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Snyder, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Lucero-Bahr, and Papadopoulos.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

**VI. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

**A. Approval of Bills Payable in the Amount of \$483,238.48 for January 2026**

It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Ms. Snyder that the board approve the payment of the monthly bills for January, 2026.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Papadopoulos, Miljkovic, and Fletcher-Gomez.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

## VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Enrollment Status Report – Dr. Dudek provided the board with a report on the current district enrollment.
- B. Auditor Presentation of the FY25 School District Audit - Mr. Ivan Felty the auditor from Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C. provided the Board with a summary of the 2025 audit. The Board was previously provided with a digital copy of the audit.
- C. Present Draft of the 2026-27 School Calendar - Dr. Dudek provided the board with a copy of the administration's draft of the 2026/27 school calendar and requested input. This draft was developed after input was solicited from the staff. The Board will be asked to vote on the final calendar in February.
- D. Monthly Financial Update - Mr. Blomquist provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District and the proposed 2026-2027 fees and meal price recommendations.
- E. Informational Items and Communications – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:
- Friday, February 13 School Improvement Half Day – AM/PM Kindergarten in Attendance
  - Monday, February 16 Presidents' Day – No School
  - Tuesday, February 17 School Board Meeting – 7pm
  - Thursday, February 26 Winter Band Concert @ Center for the Arts 7pm
  - Friday, February 27 Teacher Professional Development - No School
  - Thursday, March 5 JH PTO Meeting 6:30pm
  - Friday, March 6 JH PTO Early Spring Dance 7-9pm
  - Tuesday, March 10 OB/WV PTO Meeting @ WV 6:30pm
  - Monday, March 16 Board of Education Meeting 7pm
  - Tuesday, March 17 Election Day - No School

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance Committee - The Finance Committee met on January 12th and discussed the proposed maintenance and repair projects for 26-27 school year/summer, finance goals for 26-27, and school fees for 26-27.
- B. Wood Dale District 7 Leadership Committee (WDEA) - The Wood Dale District 7 Leadership Committee met on January 13th and discussed the W.I.N. program at Westview, the new iReady and Phonics curriculum, and the possibility of adding parent education opportunities such as ParentSquare, how to differentiate between Tier2/3 Instruction, and how to interpret progress reports.

## IX. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of the FY2025 Audit** - It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the 2025 Audit.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Papadopoulos, Fletcher-Gomez, Botello, Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, and Miljkovic.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of School Fees & Meal Prices for 2026-2027 School Year** - It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the board approve an increase of \$5.00 for school registration fees at all levels for the 2026/27 school year, resulting in fees of \$50.00 for Oakbrook, \$55.00 for Westview, and \$70.00 for Wood Dale Junior High. Additionally, it was approved that the Outdoor Education (5th Grade) and Springfield Trip (7th Grade) fees also be increased by \$5.00, to \$30.00 and \$40.00 respectively. Meal fees, including prices for milk (\$0.65), breakfast (\$2.30), and lunch (\$4.00), will remain the same as the previous year for the 2026/27 school year.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Lucero-Bahr, Papadopoulos, Snyder, Miljkovic, Botello, and Fletcher-Gomez.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Wood Dale for Prairie Fest 2026** - It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Wood Dale for Prairie Fest 2026.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Fletcher-Gomez, Miljkovic, Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Botello, and Papadopoulos.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

4. **Approval of the Resolution Authorizing Wood Dale School District 7 to Enter into the Declaration of Trust with the Illinois Trust (IIIT)** - Mrs. Papadopoulos presented the Resolution. It was moved by Ms. Lucero-Bahr and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the Resolution authorizing Wood Dale School District 7 to enter into the declaration of trust and participate with the Illinois Trust (IIIT).

Roll call vote: Yeas – Papadopoulos, Miljkovic, Lucero-Bahr, Fletcher-Gomez, and Botello.  
Nays – None. Abstain - Snyder. Motion carried.

5. **Approval of 2nd Reading and Adoption of Policies** - It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the board approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policies:

- a. 2:120 School Board - Board Member Development
- b. 2:150 School Board - Committees
- c. 4:10 Operational Services - Fiscal and Business Management
- d. 4:30 Operational Services - Revenue and Investments
- e. 4:80 Operational Services - Accounting and Audits
- f. 5:10 General Personnel - Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- g. 5:90 General personnel - Abused and neglected Child Reporting
- h. 5:100 General Personnel - Staff Development Program
- i. 5:200 Professional Personnel - Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- j. 5:280 Educational Support Personnel - Duties and Qualifications
- k. 5:300 Educational Support Personnel - Schedules and Employment Year
- l. 6:20 Instruction - School Year Calendar and Day
- m. 6:40 Instruction - Curriculum Development
- n. 6:60 Instruction - Curriculum Content
- o. 6:130 Instruction - Program for the Gifted
- p. 6:160 Instruction - English Learners
- q. 6:260 Instruction - Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
- r. 7:150 Students - Agency and Law Enforcement Requests
- s. 7:180 Students - Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- t. 7:190 Students - Student Behavior
- u. 7:290 Students - Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- v. 7:340 Students - Student Records
- w. 8:30 Community Relations - Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Papadopoulos, Fletcher-Gomez, Lucero-Bahr, Botello, and Snyder.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

- X. **CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomex that the board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, and Papadopoulos.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 8:02 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:26 p.m.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Ms. Lucero-Bahr and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos to adjourn the meeting. After a voice vote President Miljkovic declared the motion carried.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Aida Miljkovic, President

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Elitsa Papadopoulos, Secretary